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SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING INVITATION, APPROPRIATELY TAILORED AS INDICATED BY BRACKETS IN PARA 2 BELOW, IS TO BE ISSUED BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS TO THE FOLLOWING THREE PARTIES: (A) THE CFPST, "OPIES ARE TO GO BOTH TO CFPST STATUS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SENATOR BAILEY OLTER AND CFPST CHAIRMAN ANDON AMARAICH; (B) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, SENATOR AMATA KABUA; AND (C) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PALAU POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, SENATOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ROMAN TMETUHL. ALTHOUGH CONFIRMATION COPIES OF THE INVITATION WILL BE MAILED TO THE FOREGOING DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON, THE INVITEES ARE ASKED TO ACCEPT THIS TELEGRAM AS THE FORMAL INVITATION TO THE OCTOBER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. COPIES OF THE MAILED INVITATIONS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO COM SENATE PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER HENRY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE, ON THE BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, TO INVITE YOUR COMMISSION, AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE DISTRICTS OF KOSRAE, PONAPE, TRUK AND YAP (BEGIN BRACKET) THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT (END BRACKET)(BEGIN BRACKET) THE PALAU ISLANDS DISTRICT

(END BRACKET), TOGETHER WITH THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE PALAU POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (BEGIN BRACKET) THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION, ETC. (END BRACKET) TO THE FIRST ROUND OF RENEWED FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF A NEW POLITICAL STATUS FOR THAT PORTION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS WHOSE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT THE FIRST ROUND TAKE PLACE ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI, HAWAII, AND THAT IT COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 24, 1977 AND END ON OCTOBER 27, 1977. A MEMORANDUM DETAILING SPECIFICS IS ATTACHED. WE FURTHER PROPOSE THAT SUCCEEDING NEGOTIATING ROUNDS BE HELD IN PONAPE, MAJURO AND KOROR, AS REQUIRED, AT DATES TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PARTIES.

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PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY IT AT THE SECOND ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ON GUAM ON JULY 25-27, 1977 CONSTITUTES AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, YOUR FORMAL WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION WILL, UNLESS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED IN WRITING, BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTANCE, ALSO, OF THE GUAM PROPOSAL.

PLEASE FURNISH ME YOUR RESPONSE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE STATUS LIAISON OFFICER, SAIPAN.

I REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT OUR TALKS IN OCTOBER WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR THE EARLY ADVENT OF A NEW POLITICAL STATUS EMBODYING THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

/S/ PETER R. ROSENBLATT. END TEXT.

3. MEMORANDUM OF DETAILS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: A. THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE DATES AND SITES APPEAR TO BE THE ONLY ONES AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER IN AN

OUTER HAWAIIAN ISLAND LOCATION. THE LARGE INFLUX OF TOURISTS ANTICIPATED IN OCTOBER UNEXPECTEDLY LIMITED AVAILABLE OPTIONS.

B. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE MICRONESIAN PARTIES MAY WISH TO CONFER AMONG THEMSELVES

PRIOR TO THE 23 OCTOBER ARRIVAL OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. THEREFORE, AS A CONVENIENCE TO ALL PARTIES, WE HAVE ASKED THE SHERATON MOLOKAI HOTEL, THE PROPOSED SITE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, TO BLOCK 40 ROOMS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 19 TO 23, INCLUSIVE. WE HAVE SUPPLEMENTED THESE BLOCKED ROOMS WITH AN ADDITIONAL 30 ROOMS FROM OCTOBER 23 TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 27. U.S. AND MICRONESIAN PARTICIPANTS  
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WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE TRAVEL AND HOTEL COSTS AND FOR TRANSFORMING THE ROOMS BLOCKED AT OUR REQUEST INTO FIRM RESERVATIONS. WE HAVE ASKED THE SHERATON MOLOKAI TO CONTACT THE MICRONESIAN INVITEES DIRECTLY BY MAIL.

C. THE SHERATON MOLOKAI HOTEL HAS OFFERED US THE FOLLOWING SHARPLY DISCOUNTED PRICES. ROOMS: SINGLE OCCUPANCY 27.50 PER DAY; DOUBLE OCCUPANCY 30.00 PER DAY. SUITES FOR OFFICE USE, 45.00 PER DAY. CAUCUS ROOM ACCOMMODATING APPROXIMATELY 30 PERSONS TO BE SHARED BY THREE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL COMMISSIONS, NO CHARGE. A LARGER CONFERENCE ROOM HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE HOST U. S. DELEGATION FOR USE AS THE CONFERENCE SITE. THE HOTEL ADDRESS IS: SHERATON MOLOKAI, RUSSELL CHUN, GENERAL MANAGER, P.O. BOX 1977 KIPUHI BEACH, MAUNALOA, MOLOKAI, HAWAII 96770.

D. LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE, IT IS THE UNITED STATES' INTENTION TO ACCEPT THE GRACIOUS SUGGESTIONS MADE AT PONAPE, MAJURO AND KOROR THAT THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH NEGOTIATING ROUNDS, IF ANY, BE HELD AT THOSE LOCATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS SHOULD BE HELD AT INTERVALS OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO EIGHT WEEKS. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS WILLING TO HOST THE SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS.

E. ALL MICRONESIAN DELEGATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE NAMES, AND TITLES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS, TIMES AND DATES OF ARRIVAL IN HONOLULU AND IN MOLOKAI ALONG WITH AIRLINES AND FLIGHT NUMBERS TO THE STATUS LNO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE ARRANGEMENTS.

F. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MOLOKAI IS SERVED FROM HONOLULU  
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BY TWO COMMUTER AIRLINES, ROYAL HAWAIIAN AIR SERVICE AND ISLAND PACIFIC AIR, AS WELL AS BY THE LARGER HAWAIIAN AIR LINES AND ALOHA AIRLINES.

G. AS AGREED BY ALL PARTIES DURING MY SEPTEMBER VISIT, A FIRST ROUND AGENDA WILL BE DRAFTED AND AGREED ON BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO THE

FIRST ROUND. I WILL CONTACT THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MICRONESIAN PARTIES IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

H. THE QUESTION OF OBSERVER STATUS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MICRONESIAN GROUPS NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS HAS ARISEN IN ALMOST EVERY DISTRICT AND IN GUAM. IT IS THE UNITED STATES' VIEW, UPON REFLECTION, THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO THE FOUR OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS AND THAT A SEPARATE STATUS OF OBSERVER SHOULD NOT BE CREATED. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT ONCE THE STATUS OF "OFFICIAL OBSERVER" IS RECOGNIZED FOR MICRONESANS, AMERICAN OBSERVERS WOULD ALSO BE ADMISSIBLE BY LAW. INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS, OF COURSE, HAVE COMPLETE DISCRETION IN THE DESIGNATION OF THEIR OWN MEMBERSHIPS. WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST THE VIEWS OF THE MICRONESIAN PARTIES ON THIS ISSUE.

I. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM ALL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.

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